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Furniture and other House-hold Articles

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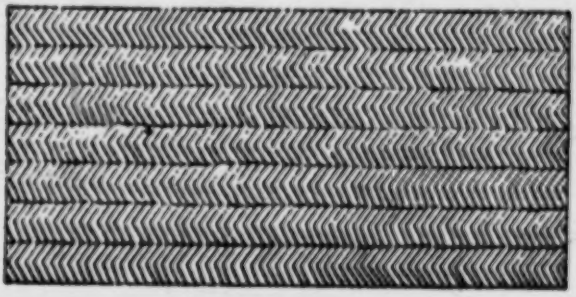
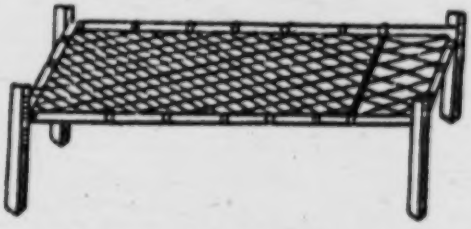


Mat (patia)

the bed of the average man and woman. (See illus- [556] tration). Those financially better off, sleep on a string-bed within a wooden frame-work called



Parkòm

"parkòm" by the Santals and "khatia" by the "Dekos" (*non-Santals*). (See illustration).

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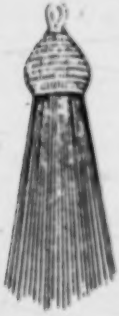
Baskets of different shapes and sizes, made of bamboos arrest one's attention in a Santal household. One of them, called "uduli," is used by women while marketing and carrying things to the field. (See illustration). They have their own winnowing fan called "hata" and use a basket named "gauni" for measuring paddy. The broom-sticks are neatly made of "kancho" (*Oriya*) reeds (Santali, *Kharang*). (See illustration).

Uduli



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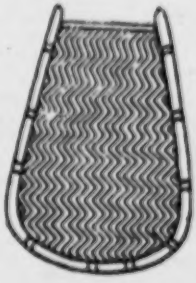

Hata

Industries

As far as cottage-industries are concerned, we did not find spinning and weaving a part of the serious programme of the Santals, as they depend on the neighbouring Hindu weavers to supply their clothes. However, in most houses, they possess these wheels and the indigenous ginning machine, which implies,

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Winnowing Corn

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